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Early in the week prices in Boston were unchanged to lower. Otherwise, prices in the Eastern region were mostly unchanged to slightly higher compared to last week. All other prices were unchanged. During the week prices were generally unchanged to higher. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demands ranged light to good and was mostly fair to good. Supplies, although mostly adequate on all sizes, were held confidently. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades slightly higher. Demand for heavy nest run was mostly quiet as breakers appraise needs and watch further market developments with a few breakers bidding higher prices. Offerings were tight as most sellers hold with extreme confidence. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Light type fowl were sufficient for current slaughter schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	96-102	87-91	61-65
New York	74-76	71-74	52-55
Philadelphia	67-74	65-72	49-52
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	62-63	60.5-62	41-42
Jackson (1)	72-73	69-70	50-51
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	71-83	67-81	47-61
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	61-66	60-65	42-47
Detroit (2)	59-62	58-61	38-41
Major Ohio Cities (2)	57-63	56-62	39-45
Major Wisconsin Cities	63-70	61-68	42-49
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	79-82	74-76	54-57
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	99	90	76

(1) - Prices reported weekly

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(3) - Reported Invoice prices

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 4-Aug-00
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	69.39	67.01	50.88
SOUTHERN	69.74	67.40	46.84
MIDWEST	61.37	60.26	42.78
WESTERN	88.80	84.74	69.80
TWELVE METRO AREAS	74.58	71.91	55.58

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	08-08-00	08-01-00	08-10-99
Large	39-41	39-41	40-42
Medium	24-26	24-26	15-17

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Aug 07,2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.6	14.2	4.4	12.0	7.7 48.9
	Change	0.6	0.6	-0.3	2.3	-1.2 4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.9	37.1	10.5	25.1	20.8 113.4
	Change	-1.3	5.2	1.3	-0.7	3.5 8%
Large	Curr Wk	26.8	75.5	47.1	68.3	75.8 293.5
	Change	-7.2	4.7	4.0	-2.5	0.9 0%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.8	36.2	13.8	27.5	24.7 113.0
	Change	2.3	9.9	-1.3	0.9	1.4 13%
Small	Curr Wk	3.8	7.5	2.4	8.4	3.9 26.0
	Change	-2.0	-1.8	0.0	-0.6	-0.8 -17%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.5	21.5	7.6	11.2	6.3 52.1
	Change	0.3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.6	-1.0 -3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.6	45.2	17.8	31.7	44.6 157.9
	Change	0.7	-2.0	1.8	0.2	6.9 5%
Total	Curr Wk	96.0	237.2	103.6	184.2	183.8 804.8
Percent	Change	-6%	7%	5%	-1%	6% 3%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	804.8	3%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	434.8	-3%	39

Total Shell Egg 1239.6 1% 211
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

The five inventory areas are identified as:

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT

North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI

South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX

South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV

Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the ADJUSTED 5-area total for the previous week is 781.0. The adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 05-Aug-00

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,154,730	25,401	11,927	6,548	2,441	3,881
PW	1,185,405	26,794	11,336	6,439	2,877	3,959
LY	1,141,775	25,091	10,677	5,260	2,346	3,768
% PW	-3	-5	5	2	-15	-2
% LY	1	1	12	24	4	3
2000	36,096,130	815,330	363,908	195,707	90,739	119,563
1999	33,749,061	777,425	325,094	177,634	80,809	106,419

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
41.36	40.94	39.23

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 05-Aug-00

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	215.9	-2	-1
E.N. CENTRAL	514.0	1	34
W.N. CENTRAL	260.5	2	27
S. ATLANTIC	190.9	3	7
S. CENTRAL	76.8	1	8
WEST	192.8	-2	-11
TOTAL	1450.9	1	14

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING

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STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	Jul 29	Aug 5 Thousand	Jul 29	Aug 5
AL	28,687	28,937	20,195	21,596
AR	29,692	29,564	22,315	22,852
DE	4,027	3,969	5,384	4,364
FL	2,649	2,684	2,354	2,303
GA	30,488	29,801	*24,024	23,037
MD	8,485	8,432	5,081	6,154
MS	18,149	17,931	14,661	15,218
NC	17,854	18,372	13,817	14,013
PA	*3,844	3,676	*2,817	2,665
SC	4,822	4,828	3,443	3,659
TX	*13,337	13,355	10,714	10,299
VA	*6,703	6,388	*5,492	5,357
CA, TN, & WV	10,945	9,180	*10,267	9,813
15 State Total	*179,682	177,117	*140,564	141,330
Previous Year	179,814	179,885	142,036	144,959
Pct. of Prev.	100	98	99	97

*Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 16-Sep-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 145.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 145.4 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 150.8 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 136.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.83 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 08/03/00-08/09/00

	SE		NE		MW		
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	42.00	48.50	44.63	45.71	45.00	44.00	70.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	39.75	42.25	8.50
GNR W 3	28.50	—	31.25	33.00	42.00	—	6.50
GL W XL	—	51.25	50.00	50.50	46.33	48.00	22.25
GL W LG	—	54.60	44.00	47.33	46.57	—	18.50
GL W MD	—	—	26.16	27.95	32.00	36.00	11.75
GL W SM	—	—	19.67	21.33	18.75	20.00	9.00
NRBS - 48	—	40.00	—	—	38.05	38.32	28.50
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	28.50	30.00	2.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 05-Aug-00

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT	CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	28.0	22.2	26	3
BOSTON	4.2	3.2	31	-3
CHICAGO	44.4	53.5	-17	10
DETROIT	24.5	24.3	1	-17
KANSAS CITY	4.7	4.3	9	47
LOS ANGELES	96.5	92.2	5	20
NEW ORLEANS	10.2	11.1	-8	-6
NEW YORK	34.8	34.4	1	-7
ST. LOUIS	14.5	15.4	-6	12
SAN FRANCISCO	21.2	22.4	-5	8
TOTAL	283.0	283.0	0	6
4 WK MVG AVG	275.4			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 05-Aug-2000

	YOUNG (A)		YOUNG OLD TOTAL		
HENS	TOMS		BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	2,358	2,837	52	6	5,253
AVG WT	16.27	32.30	24.51	22.30	25.02
LAST WEEK	2,231	2,807	74	8	5,120
YR AGO	5,449(B)		20	58	5,527
AVG WT	24.74(B)		23.70	23.76	24.72
TO-DATE/2000	142,435(B)		672	883	143,990
TO-DATE/1999	146,243(B)		466	1,055	147,764

(B) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 05-Aug-2000

(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
THOUSAND	% CHG	AVG	RSTR	BANDED		AVG
HEAD	PW	WT	---THOUSAND HEAD---			WT
N EAST	825	-16	22.08	(A)	(A)	826 22.08
S ATL	846	11	25.99	(A)	(A)	847 25.99
N CENT	2,327	2	28.38	(A)	(A)	2,329 28.38
S CENT	705	10	19.80	(A)	(A)	706 19.80
WEST	544	25	20.37	(A)	(A)	545 20.37
U.S.TOTAL	5,247(B)	3	23.32	0	6	5,253 23.32
TO DATE						
2000	142,941(B)			166	883	143,990
TO DATE						
1999	146,654(B)			55	1,055	147,764

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 52,000 for the year 672,000; last year to date 466,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 05-Aug-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	155,250(A)	1,838	1,814	3,652	390
AVG WT	4.90	3.42	8.01	5.70	5.99
LAST WEEK	159,218	1,799	1,723	3,522	448
YR AGO	152,521	2,025	1,427	3,452	434
AVG WT	4.68	3.30	8.09	5.28	6.15
TO-DATE/2000	4,793,492	60,621	44,172	104,793	13,840
TO-DATE/1999	4,697,716	66,968	42,093	109,061	13,711

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.1 million head or 0.8 million head less than or 99 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Aug-00

	CURRENT WEEK 08/12/00(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 08/05/00
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	161,367(2)	161,078
LT HENS	1,772	1,875
HVY HENS	1,738	1,796
TOTAL	164,877	164,749

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 12-Aug-00 is 158.6 million head compared to 157.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.7 million head or 3.1 million more than estimated available. For week of 19-Aug-00 the estimated available is 157.2 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JULY				
1	167.0	158.7	105	5.01
8	137.3	157.7	87	4.98
15	163.5	157.4	104	4.98
22	160.1	158.1	101	4.92
29	161.2	157.6	102	5.00
AUGUST				
5	157.1	157.9	99	4.90
YEAR TO DATE	4851.9	4779.7	102	
AUGUST				
12		158.6		
19		157.2		

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from			
7-Aug-00	31-Jul-00	31-Jul-00	9-Aug-99	
55.64	0.21	55.43	55.82	

NUMBER OF LOADS 701

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 08/07-08/12/00.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	43.00-48.00	46.89	46	49.46	84
Los Angeles	65.00	63.70	58	61.64	159
New York	43.00-46.00	44.32	31	53.82	103

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-75	75	75.00	40
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-73	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-74	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	70-71	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	69-70	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	70-71	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS FEDERAL-STATE (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 7-Aug-00	3,865	165,613	87,853
AM 1-Jul-00	3,234	150,279	93,719
CHG	631	15334	-5866
PCT CHG	20	10	-6

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of May 31, 2000 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on July 1, 2000 are:

FROZEN EGGS	10	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5.01 PCT
TURKS	547	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5.02 PCT
POP	807	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 4.97 PCT

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE		
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
08/07/00			
Southeast	2.75-9.75(1)	2.75-6	4.84
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	4-10(1)	5-7	6.50
08/04/00			
Eastern	0-0(1)		
Eastern	0-0 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-.25(2)	0	

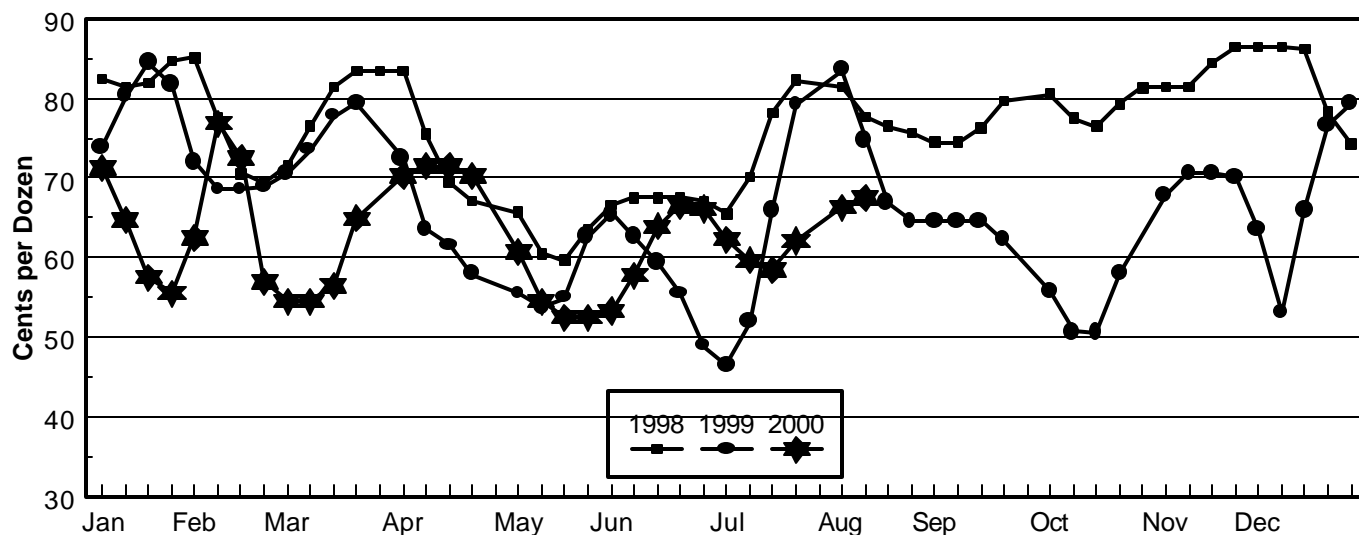
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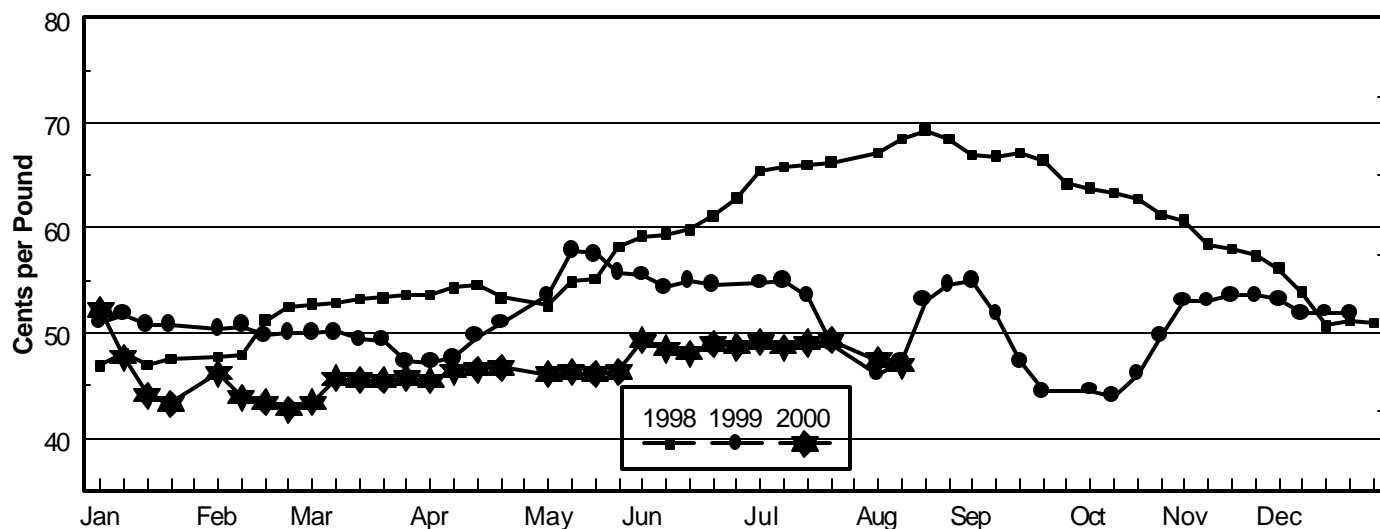
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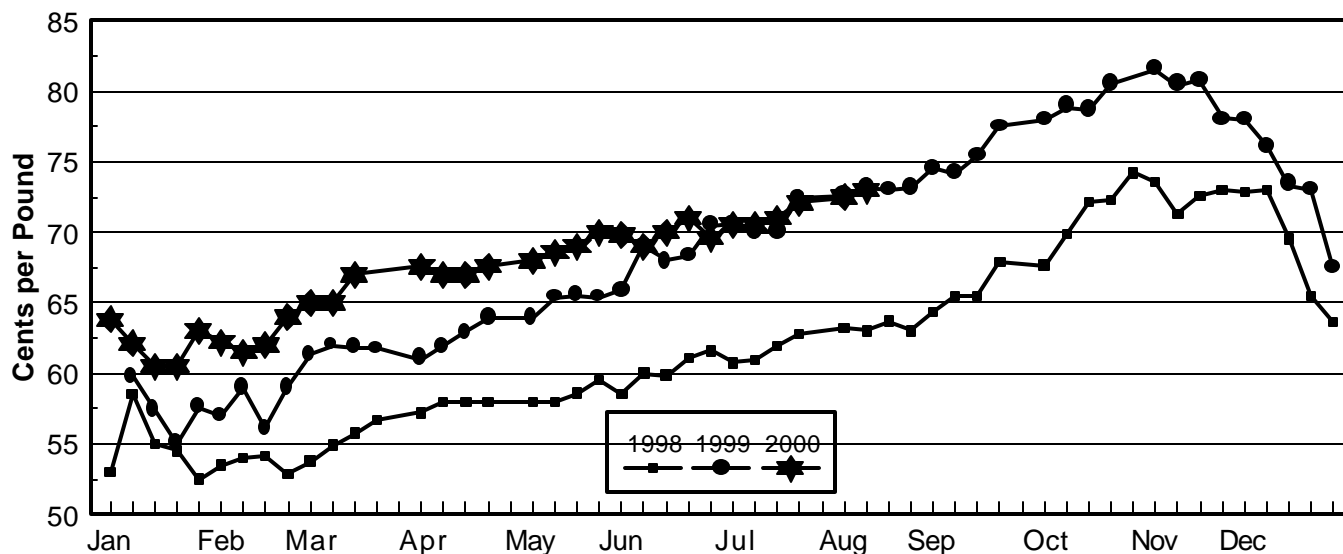
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1998, 1999, 2000



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1998, 1999, 2000



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.